



How STEP tackles energy poverty

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What is STEP?

- A H2020 project offering Solutions to Tackle Energy Poverty
- Running from June 2019 – November 2021 + 6 months extension
- Tackling energy poverty through low cost measures and behaviour change



At the EU level, energy poverty is not a new topic while at the national level, this is still not always recognised

- Only 77% of frontline organisations were aware of energy poverty
- 70% were offering support
- 89% requested more training on energy poverty
- 87% were interested in establishing assistance networks at national level
- 83% believe more advocacy work at EU/national is needed



STEP offers on the ground:

- Networks of referral organisations
- Online/offline training to consumers and frontline organisations
- Follow-up for access to grants
- Follow-up for Energy Efficiency measures
- Policy recommendations

STEP – next steps – 13 policy recommendations

1. Introduce a comprehensive Energy Poverty Strategy

2. Ensure coherent and consistent national dialogue on energy poverty issues

3. Adopt an inclusive definition of energy poverty

4. Establish an Energy Advisors' Network

5. Designate energy efficiency as an infrastructure priority

6. Provide social security support for energy expenditure of low-income households

7. Enforce Minimum building energy performance standards

8. Avoid regressive effects

9. Apply policies to address high fuel prices

10. Provide cheaper energy via district heating and cooling

11. Strengthen protection against disconnections

12. Secure access to renewables, including for tenants and those living in Multi-Family Houses

13. Proactively support establishment of non-profit CECs/RECs

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